commissioner in London, and the Australian

agent general, both of whom concur in

A member of Oriel College approved Mr.

Rhodes's plan, and especially as one likely

to lead to other benefactions, particularly

from America. This Oxonian also referred

tion of Mr. Rhodes's plan abroad says:

"It is unnecessary to discuss the political

"Owing to the absence of most of the authoritative men from Oxford at the pres-

ent moment," says the Times, "it will be

impossible to get an expression of uni-

versity opinion on the subject now, but

trust the decision would be generally wel-

of the executors for that office.

comed, and says that he is by far the best

PHILIPPINE CONDITIONS.

proving-Many Cases of Cholera.

MANILA, April 6 .- Gen. Jacob H. Smith,

Island of Samar, has arrived here to testi-

fy in the case of Major Waller, of the

mistice in Samar was being faithfully kept.

ONE KILLED; FIVE HURT

rifles are being turned in daily.

disease first broke out.

Conditions in the provinces of Batangas

aspects of the scheme as it indicated Mr.

Cecil Rhodes's splendid idea.

he said, was already poor.

SABBATH OF CARNAGE.

Three Men Are Dead, Three Mortally and Four Seriously Wounded, and Three Houses Are Burned.

ATTEMPT TO ARREST A NEGRO

RESULTS IN THE CONFLICT AND AT-TENDANT CASUALTIES.

He Opens Fire and Wounds Sheriff and Deputy as Soon as They Make Their Appearance.

POPULACE GATHERS QUICKLY

REGULAR SIEGE IS LAID TO THE NEGRO'S DWELLING PLACE.

Hours, but Ultimately Kill Him-The Lawton Racial Conflict.

TUSCUMBIA, Ala., April 6.-Three men are dead, three mortally wounded and four seriously wounded as the result of Sheriff Gassaway attempting to-day to arrest Will Reynolds, a desperate negro.

-The Dead .-HUGH JONES, shot through head. BOB WALLACE.

WILL REYNOLDS. -Fatally Wounded .-SHERIFF CHARLES GASSAWAY, shot through the arm and abdomen

WILL GASSAWAY, shot through abdo P. A. PROUT, shot through stomach. -Seriously Wounded .--

- PAYNE, shot through chest.

JESSE DAVIS, shot through jaw. All the foregoing casualties, except the of the deadly fire of Reynolds with a 45caliber Winchester rifle. The negro was in

his turn riddled and thrown into a fire. This morning at 11 e'clock Sheriff Gassaway went to a negro settlement, "Knardtown," to arrest Will Reynolds for obtaining goods under false pretense. The officer was met by the negro, who opened fire with a Winchester, wounding the sheriff and immediately firing upon the deputy, Will Gassaway, who was some 300 yards away, mortally wounding him.

As soon as possible every man in town who could procure a gun was in the neighborhood, but owing to the location none dared to venture within the open space. Dynamite was procured, and the house in which the negro was barricaded was fired upon, but to no effect. At I o'clock Captain Simpson, of the Wheeler Rifles, arrived with twelve guns and 1,000 cartridges, which were distributed among twelve picked men. This company was stationed around the house and riddled it, but the negro had taken refuge in the cellar and returned the fire, killing Jones and wounding Finney. Coal oil was then procured and after four hours of hard work the houses adjoining that in which the negro was located were fired. About 8 o'clock the house in which the negro was located was fired by the Wheeler Rifles, who had arrived on the scene. The negro took refuge in a shed and opened fire, killing Wallace and wounding Davis, but the posse and milltiamen riddled the negro, and the crowd, numbering 1,000, seized the body and threw it in the burning building. Wallace, who was killed, was closing in on the negro, who shot him through the body. His body fell in the burning debris, but was recovered. Davis, Wallace and Falkner were the men who fired the build-

Relic seekers cut off the negro's fingers and such parts of the body as could be procured. Three houses were burned in and no estimate of the loss can be made the effort to reach the negro.

Several horses were killed in the battle. To-night it is reported that the sheriff and his brother have no chance to live. So deadly was the negro's aim that it was possibly an hour before the body of Prout could be recovered. Not a shot was fired by Reynolds that did not tell when those whom he was firing upon could be seen. The excitement all day was intense, but there is no fear of an uprising among the negroes.

Fully 2,000 people from Florence and Sheffield were here, and every surgeon in the two towns was pressed into service.

YOUNG NEGRO LYNCHED.

Hanged and Shot.

ter, a young negro, who shot and seriously steps of a church. Then came the expowounded Don Thomas, near New Glasgow, in Amherst county, on Thursday night, was taken from jail at Amherst Courthouse last night just before midnight and

A party of men, estimated at 200 and supposed to have come from the neighborhood of Cliffords, seven miles away, where the officers. Mr. Thomas lives, rode into Amherst late last night. All were masked or had their faces blackened. When Jailor John Jones left the jail for his home several members of the lynching party made him surrender the keys. The men secured Carter, took him a half-mile north of the village, hanged him to a tree and fired thirty-five bullets into his body. The shooting of Thomas by Carter was the result of an accusation said to have been made by the former that Carter had get an outhouse on fire. He had been sent | to meet with the Independent window glass

PEACE STILL REIGNS.

But Trouble Is Feared at Lawton To-

Day-Many Negroes Leave. GUTHRIE, O. T., April 6 .- April 6, the last day set for the negroes to remain in | trust and Co-operative Federation. Lawton, O. T., passed with no direct attacks on the colored people, but to-morrew is awaited with ominous silence, Many of the negroes have left, stating that they were not able to receive protection. A number, however, are determined to remain. Some own property and some are in business, and it is this class that is dividing the sentiment of the white people of

The county officials still expect trouble and have organized matters as well as

deputies have been sworn in and an at-

The Governor received notice to-night that there was no change in the conditions since yesterday. It is the business element of the city that is asking protection from mobs. The Governor again stated to-day that if necessary he will use action, and he has the proffered assistance of the federal authorities also.

Deputy Sheriff Dies.

MACON, Ga., April 6.-Deputy Sheriff John W. Bennett, who was shot on Saturday night by David Rice, son of a prominent citizen, the latter using the former's

FRENCH EDITOR ARRIVES.

own revolver, died this morning.

a tour of the country.

Head of Paris Le Matin Will Travel

Through the United States. NEW YORK, April 6.-Bruneau Varilla, president of Le Matin, of Paris, was one of the first-cabin passengers who arrived here to-day on the French liner L'Aquitaine. He comes for a rest from journalistic labors and will devote several weeks to

"I have nothing to say that will interest the public," he said. "I have always taken a deep interest in this country and have long wished to see it for myself. This is my first visit here, and I intend to make the most of the time at my disposal. My brother is in this country, and to get where he is I will travel through the States. I want to visit Washington and see how your government is administered. I have read much of the sessions of the Senate, and I hope to have an opportunity to witness one ONE EDUCATOR DOUBTS THE PROVIof its debates. My visit is purely one of pleasure. I have been tied down to my desk so closely of late that my health was giving out under the strain, and when my physician ordered me to take a rest I thought the best way to comply with his Assailants Are Driven Back for orders was to make my long-planned visit Kaiser and President Said to Have to this country.

ELECTIONS IN OHIO.

Cities and Townships Will Vote To-

Day on Local Issues. CINCINNATI, April 6.-Municipal and township elections will be held throughout Ohio to-morrow. In this city the contest between W. H. Jackson, Democrat, and Howard Ferris, Republican, for Superior

ventions will be chosen by popular vote. As the apportionment bill is still pending to the boundaries of some of the congressional districts.

JIM FINNEY, shot through right shoul-ler. ROBERT PATTERSON, shot through

death of Reynolds himself, are the result PORTER COUNTY TOWN IN THE GRASP OF THE FLAMES.

> Help Sent from Laporte and Michigan City, with Little Hope of Saving the Residence Portion.

TERRE HAUTE POLICE CHARGES

GREAT GATHERING OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT KOKCMO.

Family Stunned by Lightning-Richmond Federal Building Committee-News of the Colleges.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LAPORTE, Ind., April 7 .- At 1 o'clock this (Monday) morning Chesterton made an appeal to this city for help, and a special train carrying a part of the fire department is now on its way to the stricken town. Chesterton is twenty-two miles west of this city on the line of the Lake Shore Rail-

road. It has a population of about 1,500. Eight business houses are in flames, and parts of the town. The place has no system of water works, but a steamer has been sent to the town from Michigan City | the best men with comparative ease." and water is being pumped from Coffee creek. Late advices here confirm the report received at midnight that there is little hope for the business part of the town, and the residence portion is also believed to be doomed. Every man, woman and child in the town engaged in fighting the flames. The origin of the fire is not known here, at this hour.

The reflection from the fire is plainly visible in this city, the sky being lighted continuously, with occasional flashes of 2 o'clock-At this hour the Chesterton fire is said to be under control, with large

additional destruction of property. Nothing is known of the losses.

POLICEMEN ACQUITTED.

They Had Been Accused of Buying Drinks for Minor Girls.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 6.-The Police Board last night, after hearing testfmony, acquitted the two policemen accused by the young daughters of Mr. Case Wadley of buying beer for them. There are four Taken from Jail by a Virginia Mob, of the daughters, all under eighteen years of age, and recently their escapades were brought to public notice through the ar-LYNCHBURG, Va., April 6 .- James Car- rest of a girl of fifteen found drunk on the sure of the fact that the winercom evil is

widespread in Terre Haute. The father of the girls caused the prosecution of half a dozen saloon keepers and a cabman for giving liquor to his daughters. It was brought out in the investigation last night that two of the girls had threatened to "get even" with the two policemen for arresting them, and the evidence was such that the board acquitted

TWO IMPORTANT GLASS MEETINGS.

Indiana Operator Goes East to Attend Them-Big Order Expected.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., April 6 .- J. R. Johnson, president of the Co-operative Federation, left this afternoon for Philadelphia to fail to await the action of the grand | manufacturers. From there he will go to New York to meet with the Jobbers' Association and the American Window Glass Company on Tuesday in the Wool Exchange building.

At this meeting the jobbers are expected to place an order for 500,000 boxes of window glass at prices from 5 to 10 per cent. higher than those on the last order. The order is to be divided equally between the

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

They Organize a New Council at Ko-

komo-Big Delegations Present. Special to the Indianapolis Journal,

KOKOMO, Ind., April 6.-Excursion trains brought in nearly 1,000 visitors today to organize a council of the order of Knights of Columbus, with a charter membership of seventy-five. Delegations came possible to preserve order. One hundred (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 3.) | cona and Mount Royal, the Canadian high | fore the graduating class in June.

TUSCUMBIA, ALA., THE SCENE OF A extreme means to thwart any lawless THE EMPEROR'S OPINION OF THE CECIL RHODES BEQUEST.

> Testator's Clear Vision of the Future the Subject of Royal Comment to One of the Ministers.

OFFICIALS' OPINIONS OXFORD

EMMINENT EDUCATORS WELCOME left them. THE GIFTS WITH ENTHUSIASM.

They See in the Plan Much Benefit to the University, as Well as to the Americans Provided For.

SUFFICIENCY OF THE AMOUNT

SION IN THIS REGARD.

Had Previous Intimation of the Bequests-Dr. Thwing's Comment.

BERLIN, April 6 .- "This bequest shows the wide reach of Cecil Rhodes's mind and his vision of the future," said Emperor William to Dr. Von Lucanus, the chief of be concluded by the middle of the present of the party is as follows: his Majesty's civil cabinet, who alluded to the will of Mr. Rhodes during an audience Judge is the only issue. In other cities of with the Emperor yesterday morning. It this vicinity the election is for mayor and | was then pointed out to his Majesty that other city officers as well as the usual local Mr. Rhodes, while leaving precise direc-No national or State questions are in- tions as to the selection of the beneficiaries volved anywhere, but in some localities of the Rhodes scholarships in other coundelegates to congressional and other con- tries, the selection of the beneficiaries of the fifteen scholarships set aside for in the Legislature, there is uncertainty as Germans had been left to the discretion of Emperor William.

> The bequests of Mr. Rhodes are regarded at court as constituting an enduring impulse to good feeling between Germany, seven miles west of here, early to-day, the Great Britain, the United States and the colonies of these countries, and as giving more substance to the grouping of the Teutonic powers.

"The earth belongs to the vital, living peoples, and these should act as one when inefficient powers check advancement," is another utterance attributed to the German Emperor when his Majesty was speaking of Prince Henry's trip and the need of a better understanding with the United States.

The inclusion of Germany in Mr. Rhodes's aims, as set forth in his will, has brought out some considerate expressions concerning his imperial purposes from even the Anglophobe journals, although most of the commentators on his purposes hold him responsible for the Boer war. "Why have I not such a minister?" Em-

peror William is said to have exclaimed

after an interview with Cecil Rhodes in

1884. This remark is now widely reproduced

and it enables the opposition paragraphists |

to revile the present Ministry. President Thwing's Opinion.

CLEVELAND, O., April 6.-Concerning the bequest of Cecil Rhodes for college tuition for young men, President Charles F. Thwing, of Western Reserve University, said to-day:

"The bequest of Cecil Rhodes is significant of the increasing power of education for the organization and betterment of humanity. This power has rapidly increased in recent decades. Mr. Rhodes's bequest is at once a sign and cause and a result of the increase. This increase in the power of education is subject to various perils. Chief among these perils is that of an undue emphasis upon intellectual fact and forces. However important the intellect may be, the will and the heart are of greater importance. The methods of selection of candidates who may receive his bounty which Mr. Rhodes suggests are on the whole wise. The application of Mr. the high wind is carrying the fire to all | Rhodes's bequest to the colleges of each State in America should occcasion no particular difficulty. The executive government of a State should be able to choose

Had Previous Intimations. LONDON, April 7.- The Daily Telegraph to-day announces that Emperor William and President Roosevelt both received an intimation from the trustees of Mr. Rhodes's estate as to what the will proposed before that document was made pub-The President and the Emperor both intimated to the trustees, according to the Telegraph, their pleasure in aproval of the legacies in friendly and gratified cable-

AS OXFORD SEES IT.

Views of University Officials on the Rhodes Scholarship Plan.

LONDON, April 7.- The Daily Mail this morning gives the opinions of some distinguished Oxford dons concerning the Rhodes scholarships. Dr. Moberly, canon of Christ Church College, spoke in eloquent praise of the plan. It would, he said, bring picked mea of the best type of Americans, rather than the wealthy Americans who had hitherto come to Oxford mainly for social advantages.

Mr. Skene, bursar of Christ Church College, said if the yearly allowance of £300 was merely for the university semester it would suffice to make the scholastic life comfortable, but if it were intended to include also vacation expenses the balance left for the university would render it inarship come to Christ Church.

Dr. Magrath, the popular provost of Queen's College, was emphatic in his predictions of future good arising for Oxford from the Rhodes scholarsnips. He said he was particularly struck with the wisdom of Mr. Rhodes in arranging that the gradual operation of the plan spread over three The total loss is \$50,000, with \$31,000 insuryears. "It will give the scholars," said Dr. | ance. Magrath, "time to assimilate with the mass, and it will prevent undue herding with their own kin.

Although the scholars will enter as undergraduates, Dr. Magrath said that possibly he would be quite willing, if his coleagues agreed, to place them in Queen's College on a level with Queen's own scholars, provided the educational tests proved Dr. Esson, of Merton, Professor Smith.

history tutor of Balliol, and others all welcomed the idea most heartily. The dean of New College said he considered £300 ample, even if the student had to maintain himself the year round; but he said that Cecil Rhodes had fallen into the same error as most educational benefactors in forgetting that a university needed an endowment quite as much as the schoi-

and late bishop of Calcutta, also expressed | ing men. approval of Mr. Rhodes's plan. Dr. Stevenson, of Exeter College, said he thought the plan would bring Oxford good athletes and enable the university to achieve the much desired object of vanquishing Cambridge in athletics.

The Daily Chronicle also publishes the superintendent of the Virginia Military In- the concession, and the leaders feel reasonopinions on this subject of Lord Strath- stitute, to deliver the annual address be- ably safe in the prediction that the caucus

to the fact that Mr. Rhodes's plan would prove expensive to the university, which, The Times in an editorial on the recep-

Rhodes's aspirations for a better understanding between England, America and Germany, but it cannot be doubted that the effect of the change on Oxford itself will tance Are to Be Given Considerabe far reaching, and, it is hoped, invigorattion in the Upper Chamber. ing. The influx of Americans and Germans will tend to quicken the intellectual

BILL FOR CHINESE EXCLUSION

doubtless the trustees have many important points to decide under the large discretion IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OUT OF THE The Times considers that if Lord Rose-WAY BY THURSDAY. bery would accept the presidency of the

Philippine Government and Cuban Reciprocity Measures Next, with a Conference on the Oleo Bill. They Are Reported as Generally Im-

commanding the American forces on the CUBAN BILL IN THE HOUSE

marine corps. General Smith said he considered Gueverra, the rebel leader in Samar, ON IT A BITTER FIGHT WILL BE interest there in oil as fuel. If the oil who is to surrender on April 15, a man of WAGED ON ALL SIDES. energy and intelligence, and that the ar-

and Laguna, Luzon, are satisfactory and There has been a total of 166 cases and 119 deaths from cholera here since the Republicans-Chinese Exclusion Act Will Be Taken Up.

WEST OF LANSING, MICH. Two Cars of Fast Train Ditched by a

· pered With-The Casualties. LANSING, Mich., April 6.-While an eastbound Grand Trunk passenger train was passing through Millets, a tank station

Switch That May Have Been Tam-

rear coach and the Pullman sleeper were thrown off the track. One person was killed and five injured. The dead: ABRAHAM BRUNSTINE, aged eighteen, -Injured.-

pound fracture of skull, fractured leg. THE REV. M. J. OZSHOSKI, Chicago, a Jesuit priest, two bad scalp wounds. J. L. GORDON, Rochester, N. Y., badly FRANK THOMAS, Mt. Clemens, Mich.,

badly bruised.

C. MINNEHAN, Providence, R. I., com-

J. L. ZEIGLER, Detroit, brakeman, The wreck occurred at a switch on which a freight train was standing. The first seven cars of the passenger train crossed the switch safely, but as the last coach trucks caught in such a way as to throw it and the Pullman car following off the track and over and against the engine of the freight train. The two cars and the engine were thrown into the ditch. It is said that the switch had been tampered with. The engineer and fireman of the freight engine were examining the engine

as the two cars crashed into it, and they

had narrow escapes. The passenger train

was running at high speed when the acci-

dent occurred. The injured were taken

doing well this evening.

BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN.

Two Women and Two Children the Victims-Incendiary Fires in Co-

lumbus Lumber Yards.

BOYNE CITY, Mich., April 6.-This evening the frame dwelling of Dr. Boyne, occupied by two families, was destroyed by fire

and four persons were burned to death. The dead: MRS. JAMES THOMPSON.

fire awakened the sleepers, and only Mr. Thompson escaped.

Columbus Lumber Yards Suffer Losses

TWO INCENDIARY FIRES.

Aggregating About \$35,000. COLUMBUS, O., April 6.-Early this even- | tion is not definitely determined. The ing fire caused a loss of \$20,000 at the lumber | strength of this opposition has dwindled vard of Smith & Sowers, on the West Side. A few hours later fire destroyed \$15,000 On the other hand, up to the present time, worth of lumber at Cones & Menefee's yard a large majority of the Democrats favor in the same vicinity. The fires were of in- the greatest possible freedom of trade with

ter place, Secretary E. T. Bingham, of the like Newlands of Nevada, are in favor of Columbus Rock Plaster Company, discov- the immediate annexation of the island, company's plant, which is but a short distance from the lumber yard. Mr. Bingham struck one of the men but was promptly knocked down and the incendiaries escaped. advisable that the beneficiary of the schol- Later five men suspected of being incendiaries were placed under arrest.

> Iowa Town Has a Big Fire. LEMARS, Ia., April 6.-Fire to-day de-

stroyed the grocery and dry goods stores of Baron Bros., the building and printing plant of the Lemars Post and the furniture store of the Grand Rapids Furniture Company,

NATIONAL BODY FORMED.

Commercial Traveling Men Complete Their Central Organization.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., April 6 .- The organization of the National Commercial Travelers' Association was completed at the Traveling Men's convention to-day. The Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and New York and later will embrace the entire country. The objects of the association are stated in the constitution adopted to be the securing of better railroad rates, hotel accommo- can be reached would be by overruling the Canon Weldon, of Westminster Appey dations and other conveniences for travel-

De Armond Will Speak.

LEXINGTON, Va., April 6.-Representa-

vote the bill will be passed by Republican

DURING THIS WEEK.

Several Measures of Great Impor-

Democrats as Badly Divided as the

be cencluded by the middle of the present of the party is as follows: week, if not before. The Philippine government bill will be taken up immediately attention for a considerably longer time than has any measure since the Philippine tariff bill was passed, and the Democratic pines are now very industriously engaged in preparing for the debate. They do not promembers of the committee on the Philipfess to be able to defeat the measure, but say they will make strenuous efforts to secure material amendments. They object to that its primary purpose is to permit the granting of franchises. They also will take exception to the unqualified continuance of the administration of the affairs of the archipelago without making any provision John R. Pearson Says the Indianapolooking to any form of self-government for the Philippine people. Other points of controversy will be the disposition of the friars' lands and of the public lands. Strangely enough, in view of recent controversies, the currency provision, for the

ture on which there is harmony among all Senator Lodge, as chairman of the Philippine committee, will have charge of the bill, but will make no preliminary explanations of its provisions. He will seek to have was passing over the switch points the the Senate proceed immediately to the consideration of the details of the measure. At least all early speeches on the bill will be made by members of the minority of the committee, but which of them will lead off has not yet been decided. All of them are preparing set speeches and expect the assistance of other Democratic senators in the general debate. They count on devoting two or three weeks to the bill. There is general preparation about the into Detroit, where all were reported as

present at least, seems to be the one fea-

Senate for the Cuban reciprocity bill, as up for consideration in the Senate its passage will be stubbornly resisted. The conference on the oleomargarine bill probably will take place during the week. and as the Senate made a vast number of amendments to the bill, the conference may be somewhat prolonged. Senators gen-A FALTAL RESIDENCE FIRE AT erally express satisfaction over the fact panies. Speaking for the Indianapolis Gas that Senator Proctor will be at the head of the conference committee for the Senate His management of the bill in the Senate is universally commended by the friends of saved it from defeat by wise concessions. They now express confidence that with the assistance of his colleagues on the com- apolis May 1.

mittee, he will be able to retain a fair share of the Senate amendments.

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Against It This Week. WASHINGTON, April 6.- The great battle over Cuban reciprocity, which created such a protracted struggle among the Republicans both in caucus and in the com-MRS. FRANK LITTLEFIELD and her mittee on ways and means, will be fought Mrs. Littlefield and her two children were | The ultimate passage of the Payne bill profrom Spokane, Wash. At the time the viding for a 20 per cent, reduction on the fire broke out all the persons in the house products of Cuba after the negotiation of a were upstairs asleep. The crackling of the reciprocity treaty and the enactment of our immigration laws by the republic of Cuba is regarded as a foregone conclusion, but the situation is a complicated one, owing to the divisions among the Demo-

crats as well as among the Republicans.

How far the Republican opponents of the

proposed legislation will carry their opposi-

until it probably numbers less than thirty. Cuba and would vote for a deeper cut than While the fire was In progress at the lat- | the ways and means bill proposes. Others, Louisiana members, will strenuously oppose any tariff concessions whatever. It is hinted that the attitude of the Democrats in the Senate, who have fixed on a programme of opposition there, may result. before the vote is taken, in more unity of action on the part of the Democrats of the House. Some of the Republican opponents of the bill will speak against it, but the leaders of the Republican opposition show a strong disinclination to participate in the debate on the ground that there is no hope of defeating the bill and that their speeches would become Democratic campaign material in the coming congressional campaign. The bill will be brought up on Tuesday as a revenue bill, which is privileged under the rules, but no special order will be brought in for its consideration. In this way the possibility of a defeat of a rule through a combination of the Republican recalcitrants and the Democrats will be avoided. The general debate will be allowed to exhaust itself. The leaders on both sides estimate that not more than three days will be consumed in general debate. The real fight will come subsequently when the bill is read for amendment under the five-minute rule. It will be then that the Democrats will seek to offer amending up of the whole tariff question. some of these amendments might command some Republican votes if they should actually come to a vote, they will be ruled out of order in the House as they were in committee, and the only method by which they decision of the chair. It is certain that not half a dozen, if, indeed, any, Republicans will go to this length, so that the Republican leaders feel assured that none of these propositions will come to an actual vote. The only amendments which will be held tive David De Armond, of Missouri, has to be germane and in order will be those accepted the invitation of Gen. Scott Shipp, increasing or decreasing the amount of decision for 20 per cent. reduction will

stand. It is their hope that on the final

The Chinese exclusion bill, which will come to a final vote to-morrow, will command practically every vote in the House. The only question is as to how far the majority bill will be amended by the insertion of provisions to make it more in line with

offered by the minority. Peru Also Wants a Trenty. LIMA, Peru, April 6.-Senor Garland, In a recently published article, advocates strenuous efforts on the part of Peru to

INVESTIGATING TEXAS OIL.

secure a reciprocity treaty with the United

States similar to the one projected between

the United States and Cuba in order to

Japanese Scientist Is Looking Over the Field at Beaumont.

save the sugar industry of Peru.

BEAUMONT, Tex., April 6.-I. Otsuka, imperial geologist and engineer of the Imperial steel works, of Japan, arrived in Beaumont this morning and will remain here three or four days. Mr. Otsuka is here as a representative of the Japanese government to study the Beaumont oil fields. In an interview he said to-day that he thought the rotary drilling system employed at Beaumont would greatly facilitate the prospecting for oil that is now receiving a new impetus in Japan. Asked if it is likely that Japan will become a large purchaser of Beaumont fuel oil, Mr.

Otsuka replied: "Oil is now being used for fuel on a few locomotives in Japan and there is much can be exported to Japan at a price that will permit it to compete with coal there

HIS VISIT TO CHARLESTON.

is no doubt that it will find a market."

President to Start for the Convention City This Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, April 6 .- To-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the President and a WASHINGTON, April 6 .- The expectation | party of friends will leave Washington for of the friends of the Chinese exclusion bill a visit to the Charleston exposition, going

The President, Mrs. Roosevelt, Attorney General and Mrs. Knox, Secretary Wilson, afterwards. This bill probably will occupy Loeb and Mrs. Loeb. Commander W. S. Cowles, of the navy, and Mrs. Cowles, Dr. John F. Urie, Mr. J. K. Gracie, Murat Halstead and M. C. Latta.

various features of the bill, and will charge GAS COMPANIES WILL STICK TO TWENTY-FIVE-CENT PROPOSAL.

CONSUMERS' COMPANY POSITION

lis Company Will Not Consider

Anything Less.

THE TIME NOT RIPE FOR AN ABSO-

LUTE ULTIMATUM.

Unions Adopt Resolutions Against the Introduction of Compulsory Meter System.

Through prominent officials both the In dianapolis Gas Company and the Consumers' Gas Trust Company announced yesit is already apparent that when it comes | terday that their proposition to the mayor and Council to furnish natural gas by meter measurement only, at a rate of 25 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, is not open to compromise, and that the 25-cent rate is the lowest that can be accepted by the com-Company, John R. Pearson made the direct statement that unless his company is authorized to charge 25 cents per 1,000 cubic the bill, who say that he several times feet President Hastings would adhere to

his determination to withdraw from Indian-For the Consumers' Gas Trust Company John P. Frenzel, while not desirous of being quoted to the effect that the Consumers' company would refuse absolutely to The House Will Line Up For and make a lower rate than 25 cents, intimated strongly that the matter had been figured so closely that the company could not seriously consider any other rate. Both officials declare that the communications to the mayor and Council are perfectly sincere, contain nothing misleading or am- Private F. B. Hodges, Verdin, Man.; Pribiguous and were arrived at only after a | vate F. W. Denneby, Calgary, most thorough study of the gas situation. Both say that they desire to continue business in Indianapolis, but that figures compel them to believe that nothing less than a 25-cent rate would be acceptable to

> their stockholders. AGAINST LOWER RATE. "Would the Indianapolis Gas Company agree to fix a lower meter rate than 25 cents?" John R. Pearson was asked yesterday. "That is to say, if the question of whether meters are to be made compulsory simmered down to the point as to British Detachment Rode Into a Boer whether your company would make, for instance, a 20-cent rate, would it be ac-

"I have no hesitation in saying no." said Mr. Pearson. "From my knowledge of the attitude of President Hastings and the demands of the stockholders I am confi-

could be accepted. "Suppose that a Council committee were to be appointed to arbitrate the rate question with a committee from your coma question of agreeing on what rate should be charged, would there be a possibility of Mr. Hastings's decision being changed?" company has figured the question of rate | ridge they had just left and began a reardown to what I consider the lowest under | guard action, which it could maintain business in Indianapolis. I want to say that the letter had barred the road back to the British we sent to Council is not a bluff, in any camp. The coming of daylight enabled sense of the term; it is a plain matter-of- | Colonel Lawley to see that the guards were fact statement of what we consider our po- | hard pressed and he dispatched reinforcesition and just needs. The company has | ments, with two guns, to their assistance, figured closely on the rate; it has not gone | The reinforcements soon compelled the into the question in haphazard fashion, Boers to retreat. We ask the officials and the people in a business-like way to give us meters at a and were ordered to retire by squadrons. rate which we know positively is not ex- The Boers disputed every inch of the road,

not be possible for the Indianapolis company to do the same?"

THE AVERAGE METER PRICE. know that the average rate charged in association now takes in the States of South | ments having for their purpose the open- other cities is more than 20 cents, or more than 25 cents, for that matter. You will find that in other places where a very low | torius escaped in the confusion. One rerate is charged the supply is far more than we have here, or else there are other local circumstances that enter into the Boer officers. matter. If we are to be put to the great expense of furnishing meters free to the hands were well treated by the enemy, consumers, as we propose to do, that item in itself would entail upon the company so much expense that nothing less than a 25-cent rate could be thought of. "I am at a loss to understand," he continued, "why it ke that people will pay \$1 a thousand feet for artificial gas for use

CONGRESS WILL HAVE MUCH TO DO the more drastic substitute which has been DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE

BATTLE OF LAST MONDAY.

Gallant Stand of the Canadian Contingent Was Replete with Episodes

of the Greatest Heroism.

KRUGER'S SON TAKES THE OATH

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS

SLOWLY AT KROONSTAD.

Forty Vessels Are Reported as Missing After a Great Storm on April

3 Off the Coast of Japan.

CASUALTY LIST AT GLASGOW

THEY INCLUDE TWENTY-ONE PER-SONS KILLED AND 250 INJURED.

Loubet Stopped by a Man with a Pistol-Week on the Bourses-General Foreign News.

KLERKSDOORP, Transvaal, April 6 .-Details received of the battle at Doornbalt farm on March 31, in which the British had three officers and twenty-four men killed and sixteen officers and 131 men wounded, while the Boers had 137 killed or wounded, Secretary Cortelyou, Assistant Secretary show that quite two thousand Boers opened a strong attack from different points with three guns and a pompom. This attack was made at a moment when the British had left their luggage in a laager in charge of the Canadian contingent and were galloping across the open plain with the intention of capturing a Boer convoy which had been discovered five miles ahead. The British retired steadily, and, having dismounted, opened a return fusillade on the Boers.

While the luggage in charge of the Canadians was sent for the British formed a camp and started digging trenches. The shelling of the Boers stampeded the mules and caused confusion, but otherwise it was not very effective, as many shells failed to explode.

The Canadians' front was attacked in

strong numbers, but they gallantly repelled every attempt made by the Boers to break through. One party of the Canadians fought until all were killed or wounded, and the last man of this party, although mortally wounded, emptied two bandoliers of cartridges at the enemy and then broke The fighting was severe and general for fully three hours, but after the British had

mined attacks made under the personal exhortations of the Boer leaders. Toward night the fire gradually ceased and the Boers retired. The British then telegraphed for aid and further intrenched their camp for the night to await the arrival of General Kitchener,

intrenched and the guns got into action

the forces repelled numerous and deter-

but the Boers made no attempt to renew

OTTAWA, Ont., April 6 .- A cablegram from Bock Neck, South Africa, to Lord Minto gives the following list of casualties among the Canadian troops in the engagement at Hart river: -Killed.-

Sergt. John C. Parry, Guelph; Private

W. T. Peters, Cranbrook, B. C.; Corporal

List of Canadian Casualties.

Sherritt, Guelph; Private W. Vollworth, Revelstoke, B. C.; Private M. G. Hustin, ondon; Private C. N. Evans, London; Private W. P. K. Milligan, Peterboro. -Since Died.-Private A. West, Montreal; Private D. H.

-Dangerously Wounded .-

Corp. F. S. McL. Howard, Montreal; Pri-

vate S. M. Liezent, Cranbrook, B. C.; Private J. C. Graffins, Cranbrook, B. C. Severely Wounded .-Sergt. A. Milne, Calgary, N. W. T .: Shongsmith W. H. Hunter, Winnipeg, Man.; Private J. C. Fisher, Vancouver; Private L. Shelton, Moosoomin, N. W. T .:

Campbell, Brandon, Man.

Chalmer A. Devah, St. John, N. B.; hospital service, J. G. Gunn, London. -Slightly Wounded .-Sergt, C. R. Othen, Brandon, Man.; Sergt. Thomas W. Western, Portage La Prairie, Man.; Private A. Fortey, Winnipeg; Private J. Simms, Nelson; Private P. Henry, Rossland, B. C.; Private Alex McDonald,

Fort Steele, B. C.; Private Harris, Hallfax, N. S.: Private G. N. Rossmanger, Halifax. The list is not complete.

BOSCHMAN'S KOP FIGHT.

Trap in the Old Way. PRETORIA, April 6. - Details received here of the rear-guard action during the night of March 31 between the Second Dragoon Guards of Colonel Lawley's column and the Boers, near Boschman's Kop. dent that nothing less than a 25-cent rate | show that a force of 200 British, while endeavoring to surprise a Boer laager, rode straight into a force of 400 Boers, The night was dark. The Boers were hid pany, and the whole matter came down to in a drift and opened fire almost from under the legs of the British horses. A fierce hand-to-hand struggle ensued, in which both sides freely used the butt ends "No. again," said Mr. Pearson, "The of their rifles. The British regained the

The guards had had a very hard fight

In the meantime a strong force of Boers

and continually attempted to rush the "If it is a fact that in a number of guards, shouting "Hands up!" At each other cities gas companies give the con- successive position taken up the British sumers a rate of 20 cents, why would it appeared in diminished numbers, for as it grew lighter the aim of the Boers improved. The following incident of the fighting is reported: Commandant Pretorius, who was cap-"In the first place," was the reply, "I tured the previous day in a Cape cart, was in charge of some national scouts. The scouts rode into a party of Boers dressed in khaki, supposing them to be British

troops. The Boers opened fire and Preport says he was shot as he fled. Comnandant Prinsico is also reported to have been killed in the fighting, as well as other The British wounded who fell into Boer

Peace Comes Slowly in Africa. KROONSTAD, Orange River Colony,

April 6 .- Owing to the great distance separating the members of the Transvaal in their cook stoves and then complain at | mission here from Mr. Steyn, the former (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3, COL. 1.) President of the Orange Free State, and